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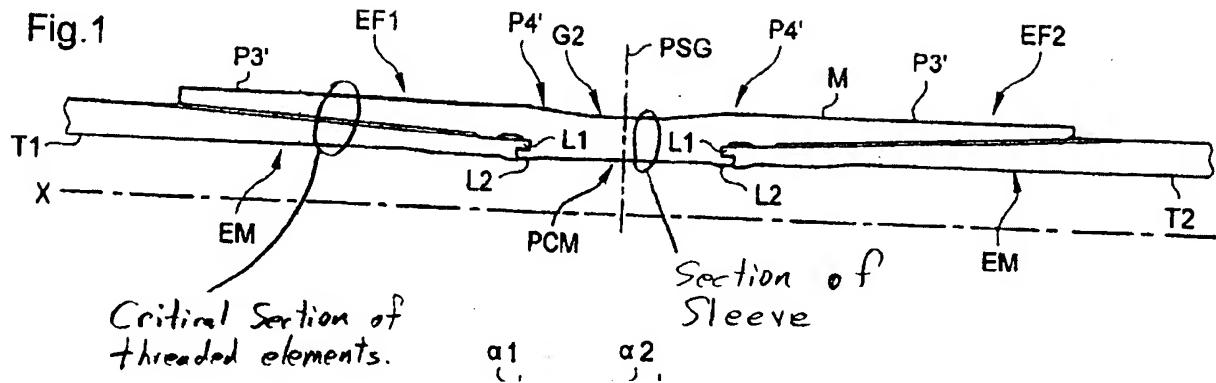
IN RE APPLICATION OF :
LAURENT DUBEDOUT, ET AL. : EXAMINER: WILLIAMS, R.
SERIAL NO: 10/580,585 :
FILED: DECEMBER 20, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679
FOR: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING TWO :
HERMETIC THREADED TUBULAR
JOINTS COMPRISING A LOCAL AND
INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS, BY
MEANS OF PLASTIC EXPANSION

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants' representative was contacted by Examiner Williams on November 17, 2010, regarding the feature "the section of the sleeve of the region in this zone is greater than or equal to the product of the section of a common portion of said tubes and the efficiency of the joint," which is recited in Claim 1. On November 19, 2010, another discussion was conducted, and Examiner Williams requested that a written record of the interview be provided to confirm the substance of the interview. During the interview, Applicants' representative confirmed that the numerical relation recited in the above-noted portion of Claim 1, in one example, refers to the portions of the tubular connection set forth in the annotated figure provided below.



Applicants respectfully submit that the comments above qualify as a Statement of the Substance of the Interviews conducted on November 17 and 19, 2010, in accordance with MPEP § 713.04.

Respectfully submitted,

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